

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

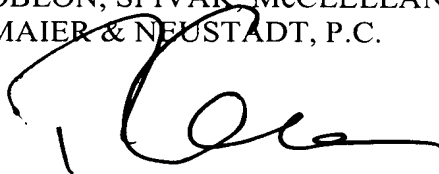
The amendment to Claim 1 incorporates the subject matter of Claims 4 and 5, which provide support for the amendments in conjunction with specification page 9, lines 18-20. Other amendments to the original claims are supported by the claims themselves and by the specification as originally filed. For example, original Claim 9 and corresponding specification page 7, lines 5ff, define variables $R^1 - R^5$ individually, using the term "each" in every instance. New Claims 16-18 are supported by Claim 1 and by specification page 10, lines 5-7. New Claim 19 is supported at specification page 14, lines 3-6. No new matter has been entered.

The rejections over Suekuni, Denpo, Denpo in view of Egawa, and Suekuni in view of Tagliamonte are traversed. As noted above, Claim 1 has been amended such that it now incorporates the subject matter of Claims 4 and 5. As Claim 4 was not rejected over Suekuni or Suekuni in view of Tagliamonte, and as Claim 5 was not rejected over Denpo or Denpo in view of Egawa, the subject matter of Claim 1 presents patentable subject matter, as do all claims dependant therefrom.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and the passage of this case to Issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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